

Biography for **DANNAH GRESH**



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Dannah Gresh



Dannah Gresh is a best-selling author and sought-after speaker. Her bestselling titles include *And the Bride Wore White* and 2010's bestselling CBA youth book, *Lies Young Women Believe* co-authored with Nancy Leigh DeMoss. She says the most important book she has or will ever write is *What Are You Waiting For: The One Thing No One Ever Tells You About Sex*, which traces the Hebrew language of sexuality from Genesis to Revelation, answering every question a heart could ask. She has long been at the forefront of the movement to encourage tweens and teens to be modest and to pursue purity and is the founder of [Secret Keeper Girl](#), a live tour event for tween girls and their moms.

A frequent guest for national radio, TV and print media, Dannah is often called upon to defend the conservative position of abstinence in national newspapers and magazines like the *Chicago Tribune*, *TIME* and *Women's Wear Daily*. She has also appeared on *FoxNews.com* live. Her conversational and edgy interview style

generates tremendous listener response on radio and television! *FamilyLife Today*, *Midday Connection* and *Focus on the Family* have included their interviews with Dannah in "best of" annual showcases. Dannah has also been a featured contributor to many national magazines.

Dannah lives in State College, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Bob, and their children: Robby, Lexi, and Autumn. The family adopted Autumn from China in 2007. Dannah and her husband founded [Grace Prep High School](#), a new model in Christian high school education, which Bob administrates. Dannah is shamelessly in love with her labradoodle, Stormie!

IN HER OWN WORDS

"Mom, Did You Wait?" I was driving down the highway listening to the familiar voice of Dr. James Dobson. Suddenly the host asked his guest, "What is the most common question a young girl will ask her mom about sex?" Without delay the woman responded, "Mom, did you wait?"

I pulled my minivan to the side of the highway and allowed ten years of tremendous denial and grief engulf me. I reached for my brand new baby girl in the back seat and held her as I cried. I would not lie to my little girl...

My heart's desire was, is and always will be to live a lifestyle of purity, but in high school I detoured from that pursuit long enough to get tangled up by lust. Like no other sin, moments of unbridled



passion had intertwined my life painfully into another's.

The evening that I heard Dr. Dobson's program, it took me three hours to tell my husband in the darkness of my bedroom. Satan had me cornered into a prison of blackmail until the very moment that my lips uttered a long-awaited confession. Oh, how I wish I had done that sooner! Christ's forgiveness finally verbalized in the midst of my husband's warm familiar embrace suddenly began to heal the deep tear in my heart.

Within a few weeks, a woman in my church—unaware of my new healing—was asking me to do a purity event for a few teen girls. Since that day, I've been using my healing to equip teens to live lives of purity and heal from moments of past impurity. The Lord has expanded my ministry to coaching moms to raise pure, whole daughters!